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SUBJ: IZVESTIYA COMMENTS ON CAPE VERDE

INDEPENDENCE

1. TWO RECENT IZVESTIYA STORIES REPORTING ON
ATTEMPTED MERCENARY ATTACK AGAINST GUINEA-BISSAU
GIVE FIRST HINT THAT SOVIETS MAY HAVE NEGATIVE
VIEW ON ANY PROTUGUESE-GUINEA BISSAU SETTLEMENT
WHICH WOULD SEPARATE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS FROM MAIN-
LAND. STORIES MAKE CLAIM THAT EFFORTS TO DENY
INDEPENDENCE TO CAPE VERDE ISLANDS IS PLOT OF
"REACTIONARIES SUPPORTED BY NATO MILITARISTS."

2. IZVESTIYA JUNE 8 AND AGAIN JUNE 11 TAKES UP
STORY OF PAIGC COMMUNIQUE REGARDING ATTACK ON GUINEA-
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BISSAU COAST BY GROUP OF MERCENARIES FROM "OTHER

COUNTRIES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE AFRICA". COMMENTING ON INCIDENT IN JUNE 11 ARTICLE, IZVESTIYA CORRESPONDENT SAYS POLITICAL CIRCLES IN INDEPENDENT AFRICA BELIEVE THIS MAY BE EFFORT TO SUPPRESS GUINEA-BISSAU LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND TO ESTABLISH NEO-COLONIAL REGIME IN GUINEA-BISSAU AND CAPE VERDE ISLANDS.

3. OGRES BEHIND THESE PLOTS ARE REACTIONARY FORCES SUPPORTED BY NATO MILITARISTS WHO APPARENTLY DO NOT WANT TO GRANT INDEPENDENCE TO CAPE VERDE ISLANDS "WHERE THERE ARE NAVAL SEA AND AIR BASES OF INTEREST TO NATO COUNTRIES." IZVESTIYA CONCLUDES THAT THESE PLOTS BY REMNANTS OF REACTIONARY PORTUGUESE MILITARY STILL IN GUINEA-BISSAU ARE FRAUGHT WITH DANGEROUS CONSEQUENCES AND EVOKE LEGITIMATE CONCERN THROUGHOUT ALL FREEDOM-LOVING AFRICA.

4. COMMENT: ABOVE ARTICLES ARE FIRST WE HAVE SEEN IN SOVIET PRESS EXPRESSING SOVIET VIEW ON POSSIBLE PARTITION OF PORTUGUESE GUINEAN TERRITORY. STOESSEL

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